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RE: Notice of Intent to Conduct Minor Coal Exploration, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC., Dugout Canyon Mine, ACT/007/039-99B, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

## SUMMARY:

The permittee has now requested to drill at six sites. These drill sites will use a combination of pre-existing roads: private, logging and state lands roads. The road disturbance will be 1.01 acres, and drill pad of 1.17 acres. There will be a total of 2.18 acres of disturbance.

The total tonnage being removed is anticipated to be 630 lbs.

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

## OPERATION PLAN

## CERTIFICATIONS

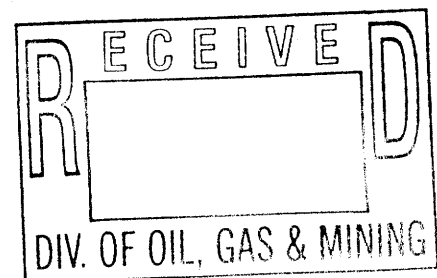
Regulatory Reference: R645-301-512

### Analysis:

The permittee has certified the designs and met the requirements of R645-301-512 in Hydrology and Engineering Section.

### Finding:

The requirements of this section of the regulations are considered adequate in regard to the proposed exploration letter of intent.



## **ROADS**

Regulatory Reference R645-202-232, R645-301-527.230

### **Analysis:**

The road extension to the drill site will be short lived and be used to gain excess to the drill pads. The permittee has submitted the necessary information to meet the requirements for ancillary roads.

### **Findings:**

The permittee has met the necessary requirement of this section of the regulations. Therefore, it is considered adequate in regard to the proposed exploration's letter of intent.

## **RIGHT OF ENTRY**

Regulatory Reference: R645-201-326

### **Analysis:**

There are two landowners (Canyon Fuel and State Lands) of the roads being used to gain excess to the six drill sites. The permittee will need to receive approval to use the roads and the lands that are not owned by Canyon Fuel. These roads are for limited time use, and therefore, are ancillary roads to the site. The permittee has not received, but is in the process of receiving a letter of permission.

### **Findings:**

The permittee has not received, at this time, permission from the land owner.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This amendment is recommended for approval with the stipulation that states, "No exploration is to be conducted until the Division receives approval letters from the land owners which allow Canyon Fuel to use roads and land for exploration."